assault against South Viet Nam.
The somber reality is that

the crisis in Laos has revealed more allied weaknesses than more allied strengths. And one of the most glaring, in the President's private view, is the fact that the Anierican public apparently has been unwilling to support the commitment of U. S. troops to defend so strunge and distant a land.

At a critical moment in the

diplomatic effort to bring about a cense-fire, both Demoviatic and Republican leaders in Congress sounded off against any American military intervention.

Sen. J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.), influential chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, declared: "I don't think the terrain and the conditions are right for sending our troops. We must seek another soldion. Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield (Mont.), Sen. Hober H. Humphrey (D-Minn.), Sen. Styles Bridges (R-N.H.) and other leaders joined in the chorus.

According to in iders, Kennedy and furious, Whether he was prepared to commit troops or not, by felt that the Congressional statements seriously undercut the whole affort to pressure the Russians and their allies into a truck.

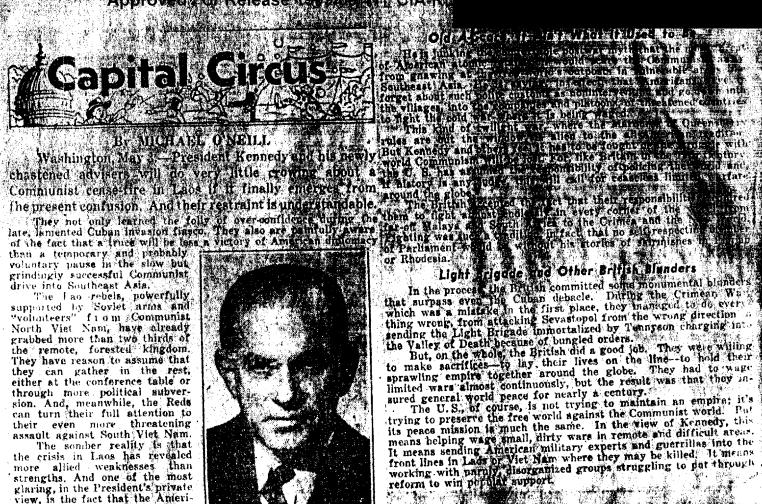
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Practically the only lever the Arministration has had in the Lactian crisis has been the threat that if Russia went too far, America and its allies would intervent in force, possibly triggering a major war. The prime suggestion that Congress would refuse to back such a move yillied almost all of the teeth out of the threat.

More significant, however, flicials aid the Congressional comments made it blear that Francely itil has miles to go to mobilize the pation that framedy itil has miles to go to mobilize the pation that has a touch, new cold war strategy emphasizing the same and of dirty fighting—guerrilla warfare and counter therefore the the Communists have used so effectively around their forces, and the Russians," the President complained the other lay in the Russians," the President to do what must be done.

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Sen. J. William Fulbright Sought "another" solution

its peace mission is much the same. In the view of Kennedy, this means helping wage small, dirty wars in remote and difficult areas. It means sending American military experts and guerrillas into the front lines in Lads of Viet Nam where they may be killed. It means working with parally disorganized groups struggling to put through reform to win popular support.

